

USA TROUGH PROJECT

THERMAL STORAGE ANALYSES FOR RANKINE CYCLE AND COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANTS

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THERMAL STORAGE APPLICATIONS

1 TO 2 HOUR CAPACITY FOR CLOUD TRANSIENTS

3 TO 6 HOUR CAPACITY FOR MATCHING PEAK DEMAND

6 TO 12 HOUR CAPACITY FOR INCREASING PLANT CAPACITY FACTOR

SCOPE OF STUDY

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS STUDIES AND RECENT LITERATURE

EVALUATION OF CANDIDATE STORAGE MATERIALS

**DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF 2 RANKINE CYCLE POWER PLANTS WITH
3 HOURS OF STORAGE**

**DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF 3 INTEGRATED SOLAR - COMBINED CYCLE
POWER PLANTS WITH 1.5 AND 8 HOURS OF STORAGE**

STORAGE MATERIALS EVALUATION

LIQUID MEDIA: HOT AND COLD TANK

- **MINERAL, SYNTHETIC, AND SILICONE OILS**
- **BINARY AND TERTIARY NITRATE SALTS**
- **BINARY NITRITE SALTS**

SOLID MEDIA: THERMOCLINE

- **CONCRETE**
- **REFRACTORIES**

- **SODIUM CHLORIDE**
- ## **MATERIAL EVALUATION (Continued)**

DUAL MEDIA: THERMOCLINE

- **OIL AND SAND (OR ROCKS)**
- **OIL AND IRON (OR STEEL)**

PHASE CHANGE MATERIALS

- **EUTECTIC SALTS**
- **HYBRID SALT/CERAMIC MEDIA**

EVALUATE TEMPERATURE RANGES, THERMAL PROPERTIES, UNIT STORAGE COSTS, AND DEVELOPMENT STATUS

RANKINE CYCLE STORAGE SYSTEM DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

**SELECT OPTIMUM STORAGE CONCEPT FOR RANKINE CYCLE POWER
PLANT**

**DESIGN 3 HOUR STORAGE SYSTEMS FOR HYPOTHETICAL PLANTS IN
BARSTOW AND CRETE**

**DETERMINE DAILY AND ANNUAL PLANT PERFORMANCE USING
PILKINGTON RANKINE CYCLE AND FIELD PERFORMANCE MODELS**

INTEGRATED SOLAR - COMBINED CYCLE STORAGE SYSTEM DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

SELECT OPTIMUM STORAGE CONCEPT FOR ISCCS PLANT

**DESIGN 1.5 AND 8 HOUR SYSTEMS FOR 3 HYPOTHETICAL PLANTS AT
BARSTOW**

- **HIGH SOLAR FRACTION (15 TO 20 PERCENT)**
- **LOW SOLAR FRACTION (1 TO 3 PERCENT)**
- **ORIGINAL ISCCS CONCEPT (DOUBLE STEAM TURBINE
CAPACITY)**

**DETERMINE DAILY AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE USING GateCycle
COMBINED CYCLE PERFORMANCE MODEL AND PILKINGTON FIELD
PERFORMANCE MODEL**